FISCAL NOTE

HB 3901 - SB 3856

March 22, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes optometrists who were practicing in a retail store or commercial establishment prior to June 1, 2006 to continue independent practice in that location, provided that when an optometrist vacates such premises or the lease expires or is renewed, the premises must be remodeled to comply with the statute.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumption:

• The Board of Optometry will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to inform licensed optometrists of the change. Communication will be accomplished by the inclusion of appropriate information in the published newsletter.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director